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SUBJ VANCOUVER PUBLIC AND MEDIA REACTION TO AMBASSADOR PORTER'S
REMARKS OF U.S./CANADIAN RELATIONS

1. MEDIA REACTION IN VANCOUVER TO AMBASSADOR PORTER'S REPORTED
REMARKS MOSTLY UNCRITICAL. EDITORIALISTS STATE PORTER SIMPLY
SAYING PUBLICALLY WHAT TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT MUST ALREADY HAVE
KNOWN. PROVINCE NEWSPAPER STATED IF CANADA INSISTS ON PLACE
IN BIG LEAGUE IT MUST BE PREPARED TO PLAY BY BIG-LEAGUE RULES.
SUN EDITORIAL STATED PORTER SHREWD, TOUGH, CAREER DIPLOMAT,
WHO UNDERSTANDS HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES AND CONVEYS
IT FAITHFULLY, ACCURATELY AND EFFECTIVELY. EDITORIAL STATED
TRUDEAU OVER-REACTED TO SIMPLE STATEMENT OF THE FACTS.
 2. BOTH SUN AND PROVINCE CONSIDERED PORTER'S METHOD A BIT
UNUSUAL BUT SAID IT WOULD BE A PITY IF CANADIANS MORE
CONCERNED ABOUT MANNER OF DELIVERY THAN CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE.
 3. PRESS REPORTS TEND TO CAST DOUBT ON WHETHER AMBASSADOR
PORTER MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT NDP DEFEAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL
TO U.S./CANADIAN RELATIONS. AT SAME TIME THEY REPORT IF HE DID SAY
THAT, HE WAS OUT OF ORDER.
 4. OUTGOING PREMIER BARRETT INTERVIEWED IN VICTORIA ON PORTER'S
STATEMENT SUGGESTED THAT PORTER WAS THROW BACK TO MCCARTHY ERA
AND THAT PERHAPS CANADA SHOULD ENGAGE DIEFENBAKER TO DEBATE
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MATTER WITH PORTER. THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENT FROM NEWLY ELECTED

SOCRED LEADER BENNETT.

5. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED FEW CRITICAL PHONE CALLS ON AMBASSADOR PORTER'S STATEMENTS. SEVERAL CONGEN CONTACTS HAVE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT PORTER SIMPLY SAYING SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN OBVIOUS FOR A LONG TIME. MOST PEOPLE RAISING THE ISSUE HERE CONSIDER THE REMARKS A STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY RATHER THAN EXPRESSION OF HOW U.S. MEDIA, CONGRESS, AND PUBLIC FEEL. EVEN SO, HIS REMARKS HAVE NOT ELICITED MUCH CRITICAL COMMENT.

6. EDITORIALS POUCHED OTTAWA AND DEPARTMENT.
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